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TO : S - Secretary

FROM : S/A - Mr. Jessup

SUBJECT: ITEM 3 -- "The Position of the U.S. with Respect
to the Seating of Communist China in Organs of the
United Nations" -- NSC Meeting, Wednesday, Novem-
ber 22, 1950

At the Senior Staff meeting this afternoon, the Department of Defense representative said that they were considering making the suggestion that the reply to Senator Connally not be on a "legal basis", but rather that the emphasis might be placed upon undesirability of a Congressional resolution which unduly restricts the freedom of action of the Executive in the discharge of his responsibilities in the field of foreign affairs.

If the Department of Defense should make such a suggestion, you might wish to point out that there is considerable merit in making clear the technical legal limitations on United States action, and that a clarification of this aspect of the problem is perhaps highly to be desired. At the same time, it might well be left to the President to decide how far he would like to go in discouraging Congressional resolutions of this sort.

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